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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following paragraph:

[0044] Preferably, a storage apparatus 10 according to an embodiment of the present invention is a hard disk drive. A hard disk drive according to the embodiment of the present invention sequentially performs a plurality of error recovery operations in order to recover errors occurring when data is read from the hard disk drive. The hard disk drive includes an applicator 12 for applying predetermined parameters in each error recovery operation; a measurer 14 for measuring the performance of each error recovery operation; a comparator 16 for comparing a performance measured in a current error recovery operation with a performance measured in a previous error recovery operation; and an adder 18 for adding parameters corresponding to the current error recovery operation and parameters corresponding to the previous error recovery operation to parameters corresponding to a subsequent error recovery operation when the performance measured in the current error recovery operation is better than that measured in the previous error recovery operation, and ignoring the parameters corresponding to the current error recovery operation and adding the parameters corresponding to the previous error recovery operation to the parameters corresponding to the subsequent error recovery operation when the performance measured in the current error recovery operation is not better than that measured in the previous error recovery operation.